

# PROCLAMATION

## OHLONE COLLEGE SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS

**WHEREAS**, smoking is the single largest preventable cause of death and illness in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, exposure to secondhand smoke poses a serious threat to the health and well-being of non-smokers and especially to students with upper-respiratory difficulties (i.e. asthma) on the Ohlone campus; and

**WHEREAS**, smoking prevalence among the 18-24 year old population was almost 26% in 2001, the highest it has been in 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 13% of Ohlone College students smoke which is much lower than the national college student rate of 26%; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohlone Student Health Center has taken a leadership role with the Alameda County Public Health Department in addressing tobacco control issues on campus to counter pro-tobacco influences, reduce exposure to secondhand smoke, and increase availability of cessation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohlone Student Health Center in collaboration with Alameda County Tobacco Control Program created a student-driven campus organization, Students Towards a Rapid Smoke-free School (STARSS) to advocate for a smoke-free campus; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohlone College has received overwhelming support of a smoke-free campaign from administrators, faculty, staff, students, including Associated Students of Ohlone College, the InterClub Council, the College Council, and the Faculty Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohlone College is a designated smoke-free college beginning June 1, 2004 and smoking is prohibited in all college vehicles, buildings, indoor and outdoor facilities, handicapped parking and all open areas except for general use parking lots; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fremont fully supports and congratulates Ohlone College for being a leader in reducing exposure to secondhand smoke among colleges in California and the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Gus Morrison, Mayor of the City of Fremont, do hereby recognize Ohlone Student Health Center and STARSS Club for their successful efforts in achieving a smoke-free environment.



DATE *May 5, 2004*

MAYOR

*Gus Morrison*

# CITY OF FREMONT